

MICHIGAN AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

Lansing, Michigan

January 24, 2007

Pursuant to Section 31 of Act 327 of the Public Acts of 1945, the Commissioners of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission (MAC), created by said act, met in the Michigan Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 E. Airport Service Drive, on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, commencing at the hour of approximately 10:00 a.m.

Members Present

James Collins, Chairman
Joyce Woods, Vice Chair
Terry Everman, Commissioner
Sidney Adams, Jr., Commissioner
J. William Prochazka, Commissioner
Jackie Shinn, Designee - MDOT
Mindy Koch, Designee – MDNR
Rob Abent, Commission Director

Members Absent

Richard Elliott, Commissioner
Daniel Atkinson, Designee - MSP

Also Present

Ray Howd, Assistant Attorney General

Staff

Barbara Burris, Executive Division
Rick Hammond, Airports Division
Pauline Misjak, Aviation Services
David Baker, Airports Division
Randy Coller, Airports Division
Matt Brinker, Aviation Services
Gerry Edwards, Aviation Services
Linn Smith, Airports Division

A list of all others present is attached to the official minutes.

I. OPENING REMARKS

The January 24, 2007, Aeronautics Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman James Collins at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed all in attendance. He acknowledged the attendance of Bill Blake, AOPA regional representative and the absence of Commissioner Kirk Steudle. He welcomed Ms. Jackie Shinn, Chief Deputy Director for MDOT, appearing on behalf of Mr. Steudle. He noted, additionally, the absence of Commissioner Elliott and a substitution for House Counsel Pat Isom, Mr. Raymond Howd.

II. COMMISSION BUSINESS**A. Minutes of November 15, 2006**

Proceeding to the first item of business, the Chairman entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 15, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Adams, with support from Commissioner Everman, to approve the minutes of November 15. By unanimous voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

The Chairman deferred to Director Abent, who again welcomed Chief Deputy Director Jackie Shinn.

The Chairman called on Funding Manager David Baker to present the 17 projects pending Commission approval.

In preliminary remarks, Mr. Baker cited the lack of a Capitol Outlay bill and federal AIP appropriations (still pending legislative approval) as grounds for an abbreviated transfer list. Grants for 2007 projects will not be issued until this funding is forthcoming.

B. Federal/State/Local Projects

Airport Name & Associated City/County	Project Description	Federal \$	State \$	Local \$	Total \$
Gratiot Community Alma	Design of rehabilitation of runway 9/27 and taxiway; apron crack sealing	28,800	6,300	900	36,000
Baraga County Baraga	Cultural resources survey for Environmental Assessment	0	41,800	2,200	44,000

W.K. Kellogg Battle Creek	Wetland credit bank for airport access road	0	0	77,250	77,250
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With respect to the W.K. Kellogg airport, Mr. Baker clarified that the Commission had previously approved the purchase of wetland credits for projects throughout the state. The anticipated construction of the parallel runway at the W.K. Kellogg airport will necessitate changes in local roadways. Local government officials have asked to use wetland credits previously set aside for wetland mitigation. The transfer will allow the locals to reimburse MDOT for these wetland credits.

Southwest Regional Benton Harbor	Land acquisition (areas two and three)	3,152,000	689,500	98,500	3,940,000
Roben-Hood Big Rapids	Land acquisition consultant costs for Runway 9 approach	120,968	0	30,243	151,211
Detroit/Grosse Ile Municipal Grosse Ile	Tree clearing on Round Island for Runway 4 approach	168,000	36,750	5,250	210,000
Drummond Island Drummond Island	Rehabilitation of runway 8/26, connector taxiway and apron	0	1,073,500	56,500	1,130,000
Grayling Army Grayling	Design and construction of civilian entrance road, parking lot, apron, connector taxiway & taxistreets for T-hangars	283,240	61,959	8,851	354,050
Hillsdale Municipal Hillsdale	Land acquisition and wetland mitigation	302,480	66,167	9,453	378,100
Tulip City Holland	Benefit-Cost Analysis for Rwy 26 ILS; land acquisition condemnation costs for parcel E33/36 (Piers)	166,000	36,312	5,188	207,500
Ionia County Ionia	Design of perimeter road paving & taxistreets	20,800	4,500	650	26,000
Ionia County Ionia	Wetland credit bank	66,800	14,612	2,088	83,500
Dupont-Lapeer Lapeer	Supplemental transfer for SRE building	52,000	11,375	1,625	65,000
Muskegon County Muskegon	Improve runway 14/32 Safety Area Phase II	3,849,039	101,290	101,291	4,051,620
Luce County Newberry	Design of box hangar and fuel farm for Jet A fuel	26,800	5,862	838	33,500
Oakland County Pontiac	Partial ALP Update	27,440	6,002	858	34,300

Paul C. Miller Sparta	Land acquisition for approach and RPZ protection; avigation easements to clear transitional obstructions	174,000	38,062	5,438	217,500
Totals		8,330,999	2,197,016	377,305	10,905,320

The Chairman entertained questions from the Commission. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the 17 transfers presented by Mr. Baker.

It was moved by Commissioner Adams, with support from Commissioner Prochazka, to approve the 17 projects outlined by Mr. Baker. By unanimous voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

At this juncture, the Chairman directed Mr. Baker to continue with the supplemental transfers processed subsequent to November 15.

Whereupon Mr. Baker identified three supplemental transfers approved and signed by Director Abent in accordance with the 2001 Policy on Supplemental Transfers:

Caseville, Bay Community: A fifteen (15) percent increase in federal/state/local funds has been approved to support the contracted amount of the Site Selection Study. The initial cost of the study, estimated at \$40,800, is thereby increased by \$6,120, for a total project cost of \$46,920.

Jackson, Jackson County-Reynolds Field: A fifteen (15) percent increase in federal/state/local funding, resulting from additional costs associated with stream mitigation and investigation for Runway 14/32. The original cost of \$163,000 is thereby increased by \$10,000, for a total project cost of \$173,000.

Manistee, Manistee County-Blacker: A one (1) percent increase in federal/state/local funds has been approved to provide funding for utilities and furnishings within public-use areas of the new terminal building. The original cost of \$2,490,000 is thereby increased by \$95,998, for a total project cost of \$2,585,998.

No official action is required on the supplemental transfers.

Following the supplementals, Mr. Baker segued to an update on the Charlotte Airport.

IV. DISCUSSION

Charlotte Airport

Mr. Baker reported that local citizens have expressed concerns regarding the need for a new airport. He referred the Commissioners to a newspaper article included in their notebooks. The

selection committee has narrowed the number of sites to four from the nine initially proposed. A public information meeting will be held on January 31st in Charlotte. Feasibility study efforts will continue for another three to four months before any decisions are made.

To a query from Chairman Collins, Mr. Baker clarified that the four proposed sites are located in four different townships; that these objections are typical for a project of this nature.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Baker and returned to the agenda. He directed the Commissioners' attention to Exhibit C.

C. 2007 Offsite Meetings (Commission Business, Continued)

The Aeronautics Commission Bylaws, Article 5.2, state: "The Commission shall hold a regular meeting not less than six times a year at places and on separate dates fixed by it. At least two (2) meetings will be held at locations other than Lansing, and preferably without repetition of such places within any three-year span."

An offsite meeting is currently scheduled for September 19, 2007, in Boyne Falls, in conjunction with the fall meeting of the Michigan Association of Airport Executives. Suggestions for additional offsite meetings include: Benton Harbor (Southwest Michigan Regional Airport) and Howell (Livingston County Airport).

The Chairman entertained discussion and questions from the Commissioners on whether to hold additional offsite meetings at the locations mentioned. Hearing none, he called for a motion for approval of the two offsite meetings. The meetings will be held in Benton Harbor and Howell on May 30 and July 25, respectively.

Whereupon Commissioner Adams moved for approval of the two additional offsite meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woods. By unanimous voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

The Chairman advised that a presentation by Gaylord Airport Manager Scott Woody had been cancelled due to an illness in Mr. Woody's family. The Gaylord update will be rescheduled.

The Chairman opened the floor for Public Comment.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers were forthcoming.

The Chairman deferred to Director Rob Abent for a bureau update.

VI. REPORTS

Director's Report

For the record, Director Abent recognized the attendance of Sean Brosnan, President, Michigan Association of Airport Executives.

He directed attention to the back of the auditorium, where a static display had been positioned. Created by MDOT staff, the booth will be one of many displays at the upcoming Great Lakes International Aviation Conference to highlight the importance of Aeronautics to Michigan.

In keeping with tradition, the Director recognized a new employee to the bureau. Due to the current budget crisis, he noted, most vacancies will remain on hold. One critical position in the bureau, however, has been filled. He introduced Ms. Kelly Crannell, P.E., who will be responsible for overseeing projects in the upper peninsula and northern lower Michigan.

Additionally, and coincidental to her appearance, he recognized Chief Deputy Director Jackie Shinn, who in November was named Transportation's *Woman of the Year* by the Michigan Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar, a prestigious acknowledgment of Ms. Shinn's career accomplishments in transportation. He thanked Ms. Shinn for her support for aeronautics programs. He noted as well the meritorious service award presented to Mark Noel, Airports Division engineer, by the American Association of State Highway Officials.

Director Abent cited upcoming events: The Great Lakes Aviation Conference and Expo will be held at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi, February 2 and 3, 2007; the 2007 Airports Conference will be held at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, February 21 and 22, 2007; and the annual MDOT Leadership Conference will take place on March 20 and 21, 2007. The next meeting of the Aeronautics Commission will be a joint meeting with the State Transportation Commission, scheduled for March 29, 2007. Director Abent thanked all present for attending.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. The meeting concluded at approximately 10:30 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Aeronautics Commission will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2007, commencing at the hour of 9:00 a.m., in Lansing.

Director

Chairman

Dated: _____